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In re application of:

Felix BLANK, et al.

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FUEL CELL HAVING A PREHEATING ZONE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (1 page)** in the above-identified application.

[]	Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established. Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
	No fee for additional claims is required.
[]	A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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- [] Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is/are attached to cover: [] Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
 - Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 - [] Other:
- [X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
 - [X] Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
 - [X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
 - [X] Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time-under 37 CFR

1.136.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 13, 2005 applicants respectfully submit that no amendments were made in their response of June 27, 2005. Together with applicants' response of June 27, 2005 the translation of German Priority Document DE 102 32 870 A1 and an affidavit of accuracy were submitted to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in office action of March 25, 2005.

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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